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there would be great facility for collecting a large quantity of water, which would bring 1,000 acres of additional land under paddy cultivation. The work would not cost more than Rs. 7,000 and Government might expect an additional revenue of about Rs. 3,000 per year. If the whole cost could not be borne by Government, the Member requested that at least half the cost might be allowed as a grant to the ryots. The ryots would collect the other half by contributions and do the work themselves.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

THODUPUZHA TALUK.

79. Settlement grievances.

Mr. S. Krishna Iyer (Member, Thodupuzha Taluk) said that, at the settlement now going on in the taluk, high rates have been fixed both on wet and garden lands, being two-fold and four-fold respectively as compared to the ayacut rates. Considering the hilly nature of the taluk and the frequent havoc caused by wild animals, the rates fixed were unduly high. Further, the value of even useless trees standing on puthuval lands were also being recovered. The Member therefore prayed for an early reduction of the rates of assessment.

Dewan's reply.—The settlement of the taluk is nearly over.

80. Educational needs.

Mr. S. Krishna Iyer (Member, Thodupuzha Taluk) represented that, for want of an English school in the taluk, the people had to send their boys to other places for purposes of education, and that, owing to lack of means, many were unable to educate their children. In the local Vernacular school, there was not sufficient accommodation for the increasing number of pupils. The Inspector of Schools, as a result of his inspection, ordered that no more students should be admitted into the school. The Member requested that an English school and a girls' school might be opened in Thodupuzha and increased accommodation provided for the local Vernacular school.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

KUNNATNAD TALUK.

81. Establishment of a hospital or dispensary.

Mr. Eravi Narayanan (Member, Kunnatnad Taluk) said that the occupation of the majority of the people of the taluk was hill cultivation and that they were constantly attacked with malarial fever and such other diseases. At present, they had to go to Muvattupuzha or Alwaye for medical

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